

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
WESTERN DIVISION

Case No. 5:25-CV-00102-M-RJ

JESSICA WILLIAMS,

Plaintiff,

v.

KRISTI WILSON,

U.S.D.A. Rural Development,

Defendant.

ORDER

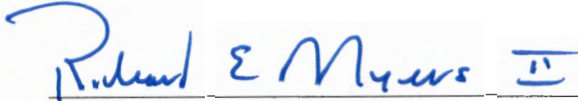
This matter comes before the court on the memorandum and recommendation (the “Recommendation”) entered by Magistrate Judge Robert B. Jones, Jr. in this case on April 15, 2025 [DE 16]. In the Recommendation, Judge Jones recommends that the court dismiss Plaintiff’s Amended Complaint. DE 16 at 1, 6. The Recommendation, along with instructions and a deadline for filing objections, was served on the Plaintiff on April 15. *See id.* at 7. Plaintiff did not object to the Recommendation. *See* Docket Entries dated April 15, 2025, to present.

A magistrate judge’s recommendation carries no presumptive weight. *See United States ex rel. Wheeler v. Acadia Healthcare Co., Inc.*, 127 F.4th 472, 486 (4th Cir. 2025). The court “may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the . . . recommendation[] . . . receive further evidence or recommit the matter to the magistrate judge with instructions.” 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). “The Federal Magistrates Act only requires district courts to ‘make a de novo determination of those portions of the report or specified proposed findings or recommendations to which objection is made.’” *Osmon v. United States*, 66 F.4th 144, 146 (4th Cir. 2023) (quoting 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)). And “a party’s objection to a magistrate judge’s report [must] be specific and

particularized.” *United States v. Midgette*, 478 F.3d 616, 621 (4th Cir. 2007). This is a low bar, particularly when the plaintiff is pro se. *Elijah v. Dunbar*, 66 F.4th 454, 460 (4th Cir. 2023); *Erickson v. Pardus*, 551 U.S. 89, 94 (2007). But absent a specific and timely objection, the court reviews only for “clear error” and need not give any explanation for adopting the recommendation. *Diamond v. Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co.*, 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005).

Upon careful review of the Recommendation and the record presented, and finding no clear error, the court ADOPTS the Recommendation of Judge Jones [DE 16] as its own. For the reasons stated therein, Plaintiff’s Amended Complaint [DE 12] is DISMISSED.

SO ORDERED this 3^d day of June, 2025.



RICHARD E. MYERS II
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE